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FILE INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 5

From: Arthur J. Holmaas, Acting Chief, Food Industries-Labor Branch
Subject: Official Notice of Recent Decisions of the Essential Activities Committee of the War Manpower Commission

On May 29, National Selective Service Headquarters issued Transmittal Memorandum No. 31, which stated:

"We are transmitting herewith Activity and Occupation Bulletin No 6, as amended 5/29/43. This bulletin was amended to delete the words 'canned or preserved' as they appear after 'fish,' 'fruit and fruit juices,' 'nuts,' and 'vegetables and vegetable juices' in Part II - Essential Activities, and to delete the word 'edible' after the words 'fats' and 'oils' in Part II - Essential Activities."

On May 25, 1943, Mr. Collis Stocking, Associate Director, Bureau of Program Requirements, War Manpower Commission, sent the following letter to Regional Manpower Directors:

"This is to advise you that the Essential Activities Committee of the War Manpower Commission regards the production of the following products and the rendering of the following services included in the Essential Activities indicated below:

"Bulletin No. 5, Agricultural Services and Commercial Fishing
Fresh Packing and Packaging of Fruits and Vegetables
Assembly of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables into a central point, such as a packing plant
Collecting and Gathering of Milk or Cream or any other Farm Products and bringing it to some central concentration point, such as a cream or milk assembly station or processing plant

"Bulletin No. 6, Processing of Food
Macaroni and Noodle Products
Potato Flakes and Chips
Spice
Buttermilk
Whey
Yeast
Food Compressing

"Bulletin No. 7, Forestry, Logging, and Lumbering
Pulpwood

"Bulletin No. 8, Construction
Prefabricated Bins and Silos

"Bulletin No. 11, Nonmetallic lining and Processing and Quarrying
Industrial Silica Sand including Foundry Sand

"Bulletin No. 15, Production of Industrial and Agricultural Equipment
Seed Cleaning Machinery
Automatic Sprinklers (fire control and agricultural production)
Arc Welding Electrodes

"Bulletin No. 17, Production of Chemicals and Allied Products and
Essential Derivatives Thereof
Rendering of Inedible Fats and Oils

"Bulletin No. 20, Production of Textiles
Narrow Fabrics
Coating of Fabrics

"Bulltein No. 26-7, Transportation Services - Storage
Government Approved Steel Warehouses

"Bulletin No. 34-3, Governmental Services - other than Federal
Potato Inspection Services
Livestock Inspection Services
Licensed Grain Inspection Services

"Local Board Memorandum No. 164, Classification of Registrants in
Agriculture
Rabbits for Human Consumption

"Bulletin No. 29, Communication Services
Printing of Military Maps and Instructional Manuals

"This information is being transmitted for use in connection with interpretations which your office may be called upon to make and it should be made available immediately to regional, state, area, and local War Manpower Commission personnel."

Since this notice was prepared the Essential Activities Committee has voted to list ice cream in Bulletin No. 6. This Committee has also ruled that 'vitamins' and 'vitamin concentrates' are included in Activity and Occupation Bulletin No. 17 under "Vitamin Products."

The Essential Activities Committee has considered the following products or services for classification as essential but voted that they should not be so classified:

1. Coffee
2. National Cotton Council
3. Wholesale and retail distributors of food

